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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA, SECOND COMMITTEE AND PLENARY ACTION -  
REVERSE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (BRAIN DRAIN)

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1. IN COURSE OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION, U.S., WITH  
SUPPORT OF FRANCE AND FTG, SUCCEEDED IN GETTING JORDANIAN  
DRAFT RESOLUTION AMENDED IN CONFORMITY WITH INSTRUCTIONS  
REFTEL. DEPARTMENT WILL, IN FACT, NOTE THAT OPEATIVE  
PARAGRAPH 5 REFERENCE OF COMPENSATORY PROPOSAL IS EVEN  
LESS EXPLICIT THAN REQUESTED. TEXT OF RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED  
IN SECOND COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 15 IS TRANSMITTED BELOW.  
AFTER ADOPTION, U.S. DELEGATE MADE STATEMENT THAT IT UNDER-  
STOOD "EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS" TO INCLUDE THE  
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS." FRG, FRANCE, UK,  
AND ITALY ALSO MADE SHORT STATEMENTS.

2. IN STATEMENT ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, SECRETARIAT CITED  
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UNCTAD DOCUMENT TD/B/643/ADD 1 AS FOLLOWS:

"THE OUTFLOW OF TRAINED PERSONNEL FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL  
BE THE SUBJECT OF A MEETING OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS TO BE HELD IN  
JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, 1978. THE SECRETARIAT'S WORK IN THIS AREA IS  
EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AT ABOUT THE PRESENT LEVEL, WITH AN  
INCREASING CONCENTRATION ON FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR

POSSIBLE POLICIES AND MEASURES. THE PRECISE NATURE OF THIS WORK DURING THE BIENNIUM WILL DEPEND ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THIS MEETING AND ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS. ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN UNCTAD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT FOR CO-OPERATION IN CARRYING OUT THE STUDIES IN THIS FIELD."

HE ALSO NOTED THAT SYG (I.E. ESA) MIGHT NOW HAVE MORE WORK THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED AND RESERVED THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO QUESTION IN FIRST PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 1978-1979 PROGRAM BUDGET.

3. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN PLENARY ON DECEMBER 19, JORDANIAN DELEGATE MADE STATEMENT EXPRESSING VIEW THAT IN CARRYING OUT WORK ON REVERSE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY UNCTAD WAS "PARTICULARLY WELL PLACED TO SERVE AS THE LEAD AGENCY WITHIN ITS FIELD OF COMPETENCE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF SUCH POLICY ISSUES AS COMPENSATION SCHEMES. COOPERATION AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND APPROACHES FOR PROMOTING COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE IN THE UTILIZATION OF SKILLED MANPOWER IN THE THIRD WORLD." HE NOTED THIS CONFORMS TO PARAGRAPH 38 OF REPORT OF ACC SUB-COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING (UN DOCUMENT CO-ORDINATION/R.1206/ADD 1 OF 4 MARCH 1977).

4. IN SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE DISCUSSION , JORDANIAN DELEGATE SAID HE MADE THESE REMARKS AT STRONG URGING OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, WHICH HAD SAID HE WAS "TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AWAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM THEM". HE NOTED THAT HE HAD CAREFULLY LIMITED UNCTAD'S ROLE TO THREE AREAS NOTED. MISSION WILL DISCUSS STUDY WITH APPROPRIATE ESA ORGANS EARLY IN 1978.

QUOTE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974, CONTAINING THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND 3281 (XXIX) OF 12 DECEMBER 1974 CONTAINING THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES,  
BEARING IN MIND ITS RESOLUTION 3017 (XXVII) OF 18 DECEMBER 1972 ON THE OUTFLOW OF TRAINED PERSONNEL FROM DEVELOPING TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,

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RECALLING ALSO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1904 (LVII)  
OF 1 AUGUST 1974 ON THE OUTFLOW OF TRAINED PERSONNEL FROM  
DEVELOPING TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, IN WHICH THE COUNCIL,  
INTER ALIA, RECOMMENDED THAT "COUNTRIES WHICH BENEFIT FROM THE  
'BRAIN DRAIN', PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH GAIN MOST FROM THE 'BRAIN  
DRAIN' FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SHOULD CONSIDER THE ADOPTION  
OF MEASURES WHICH WILL HELP, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO  
DIMINISH THE GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEM",  
REAFFIRMING ITS RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975,  
ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, IN WHICH  
IT EMPHASIZED, IN SECTION III, PARAGRAPH 10, THE "URGENT NEED TO  
FORMULATE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES TO  
AVOID THE 'BRAIN DRAIN' AND TO OBVIATE ITS ADVERSE EFFECTS",  
ENDORING RESOLUTION 87 (IV) OF 30 MAY 1976 OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, CONCERNING THE  
STRENGTHENING OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, SECTION III, PARAGRAPH 18,  
THEREOF, IN WHICH THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDED THAT "ALL COUNTRIES,  
PARTICULARLY THOSE BENEFITING FROM THE 'BRAIN DRAIN', SHOULD,  
IN THE LIGHT OF THE STUDIES ASSESSING THE MAGNITUDE,  
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COMPOSITION, CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF THE OUTFLOW OF TRAINED  
PERSONNEL FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE CALLED FOR IN  
RESOLUTION 2 (I) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY,  
CONSIDER WHAT MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS  
POSED BY SUCH OUTFLOW",  
CONSCIOUS THAT THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

PARTICULARLY THEIR CAPACITY TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DOMESTIC TECHNOLOGICAL POTENTIAL, IS CRUCIALLY DEPENDENT ON THE SUPPLY OF HIGHLY TRAINED PERSONNEL, AND THAT THE OUTFLOW OF SUCH PERSONNEL REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT LOSS TO THESE COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT A GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON REVERSE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY WILL BE CONVENED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 2 (I) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, TAKING NOTE OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL MADE BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE HASSAN BIN TALAL OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN AT THE SIXTY-THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, ON 10 JUNE 1977, CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL LABOUR COMPENSATORY FACILITY TO COMPENSATE LABOUR-EXPORTING COUNTRIES FOR THEIR LOSS OF HIGHLY TRAINED PERSONNEL,

1. RECOMMENDS THAT MEMBER STATES CONCERNED AND THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES WITH A VIEW TO MITIGATING THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BRAIN DRAIN;
2. URGES DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO MAKE A THOROUGH EVALUATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL OF THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BRAIN DRAIN PROBLEM;
3. ALSO URGES THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO GIVE IMMEDIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERATION TO THE MODALITIES FOR PROMOTING COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE AMONG THEMSELVES WITH A VIEW TO USING AND DEVELOPING THEIR HUMAN RESOURCES ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE WITHIN THE BROADER FRAMEWORK OF CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRADE, TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL;

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4. FURTHER URGES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT MEASURES  
DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE THE ABSORPTION OF TRAINED PERSONNEL  
WITHIN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AIMED AT FINDING  
SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO EXISTING  
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE  
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, AND  
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE  
GOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS OF REVERSE TRANSFER OF  
TECHNOLOGY, TO UNDERTAKE AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE BRAIN  
DRAIN PROBLEM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS MADE  
ON THIS SUBJECT, INCLUDING THE PROPOSAL REFERRED TO IN THE  
EIGHTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH ;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT THE RESULTS OF  
THE STUDY TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIFTH  
SESSION AND THROUGH IT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS  
THIRTY-THIRD SESSION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE  
RELEVANT WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE  
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